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Deputy Director, Plans  
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Dear Shannon,

This is a note to thank you for the thoughtful comments you gave us on the DCI's Objectives. But, I also want to register a cry of "I've been stabbed" for Danny and me.

The emphasis you all placed on the DCI not treating in enough detail with DOD needs to support military forces was a bit of a blow. The alternative would have been to have the DCI assuring the President he was going to really dig in and solve the military's problems for them. I doubt very much that you want that any more than we do.

We believe the thrust in the national/tactical intelligence interface study -- what can national do for tactical -- is going to get at the underlying concerns your staffers apparently feel. It seems more likely to be productive than generalities put into a paper to the President. As to defining national, departmental and tactical intelligence, I had thought that was a garden path we all agreed to avoid. I am sending along a copy of the MOU we jointly worked up so carefully last year in case it would be helpful in reassuring people.

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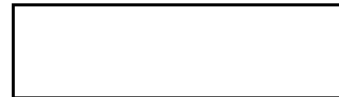


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If you detect the tone of someone who feels the rug was just jerked from under him, you are not far wrong. We have been trying to direct the national effort toward more responsiveness to military needs while concurrently avoiding excessive national ambition to dictate solutions to those needs. Bill Colby's attitude toward supporting tactical needs with national resources is a healthy and refreshing approach. Let's work to encourage it.

Best,



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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director, Coordination Staff/  
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